

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Northland Story of How the Robin Got a Red Breast.

A long, long time ago there was only one fire in the northland, for at that time there were no matches.

In the northland there lived a polar bear, and he thought when the man that took care of the fire and his son died he could have the northland all to himself, because when the fire was out the people would all freeze.

At last the man got very ill, and his son had to take care of him and also tend to the fire. But at last the son got so tired that he could not tend to the fire. This was what the polar bear was waiting for, so he went up to the fire and gave it a knock with his wet paw, and he kept slapping it until he thought that the fire was out.

A gray robin was flying that way, and, hunting about among the ashes, she found a little spark of fire that the bear had not put out. Then she flew down and fanned it till the red fire was ablaze again.

It took her quite a long time to get the fire blazing again, and while she was getting the fire to go her breast was scorched red by the heat of the fire, and that is the story of how the robin got her red breast.

Easy Fishing.

There is a fish that frequents in large numbers the shallow seas off the shores on northwest America from San Francisco to Sitka that loses its life through leaping too readily. Whenever it is alarmed it bounds out of the water. Now, there are few better students of nature than the Indians of the Pacific coast, who take advantage of this foolish habit to get food without working hard for it. When they see the great shoals of fishes swimming near the surface of the water, they get out their canoes and beat the water with the paddles, uttering hideous yells the while. Terrified out of their small wits, the fishes jump up into the air and fall into the canoes by the hundred. The Indians also capture them by the net and spear.

How a Boy Got Back His Ball.

Some boys playing baseball in the street knocked the ball against the window of a house and smashed a pane of glass. The ball fell into the yard, and one of the urchins started to recover it when a woman appeared and screamed:

"You boys can't have that ball! You've broken one of my windows!"

The boy at the gate pulled off his hat and made a bow expressive of the most profound respect.

"We've didn't do it, lady," he said. "It was de ball. See?"

"They got their ball on the strength of this argument.—New York News.

Wanted More Meals.

"What can I do for my little boy," asked mamma, "so that he won't want to eat between meals?"

"Have the meals ficker together," replied the young hopeful.

Experiment With Crystallization.

Make a saturated solution of common soda in water. When the crystals stop dissolving, although the water is stirred repeatedly, the fluid is ready for use. Pour the clear fluid in another glass in which you are going to try the experiment. Fasten a lima bean to a piece of cord and the other end of it to a match or small piece of wood. Tie a nonporous object—for instance, a glass ball—to the same stick and immerse both bean and glass ball in the solution. Let the solution stand, and in a little while a peculiar crystallization will form. Needle-



IN THE SOLUTION.

like sticks of soda appear on the bean and cover it completely, giving it the appearance of a porcupine. The bean has completely disappeared, while the other object, the glass ball, has not changed at all. The cause of the crystallization is in the porousness of the bean—that is, it absorbs the water, and the soda contained in the solution, not being able to soak into the bean, settles on the outside of it, forming the crystal needles described above, while the glass ball, not being porous, does not take up any water and therefore causes no crystallization.—New York Tribune.

CONDENSED STORIES.

Kelly Surprised to Learn That England Might Whip Us "Again."

W. W. ("Hustler") Kelly was, if not the first, the most strenuous of American theatrical men to invade London in the eighties, when his brazen, pagan methods of "booming" his entertainment created something of a sensation. He was the quintessence of Yankee gall, but really made himself liked by his breezy manners and hearty ways. One evening when he was away for a brief period half a dozen friends were lounging in his office. There were five Englishmen to a solitary American, and the quintet speedily convinced the Yankee that the entente cordiale was a matter of individual taste. They simply wiped up the office with him and rendered him helpless by their boastful threats of the things England would do to the United States should there come another war between the two countries. And they had figures—stacks of 'em—to prove their argument. Finally Kelly, blowing hard on a big and black cigar, arrived. The victim greeted him joyously.

"Say, Kelly, these fellows have had me on the rack the last hour telling me that unless the United States lays very low England will simply wipe us off the earth!"

Kelly's cigar rolled to one side of his mouth, his eyebrows lifted and in a tone of profound surprise he asked:

"What! Again?"

Sam Got the Tip.

Secretary Shaw tells this on himself:

"Sam, the darky who brushes my clothes in a barber shop down in Washington, is particularly clever



"LET ME BRUSH YOUR COAT AGAIN." in delicately reminding customers that he expects a tip. One morning after I had been shaved I was thinking of other things and was walking away without dropping a coin into his hands.

"Let me brush your coat again, Mr. Secretary," said Sam, running after me.

"Why do you want to brush it again?" I asked.

"Cause, Mr. Secretary," said Sam, without cracking a smile—"cause I might brush out some gold dust, sir."

"Sam got his tip."—New York Herald.

Didn't She Lay Doorknobs?

Dr. Henry Van Dyke tells a story of an old Irishman who was engaged in the business of chicken raising near Princeton. One day a traveling man expressed surprise at the use of so much cornmeal at feeding time and suggested that the meal be mixed with sawdust, insisting that the hens would not know the difference. A few months later the traveling man was again in the community, and he asked if the new diet had been tried and what the result had been. "It works beautifully," was the reply. "See that old yellow hen? Well, I tried her on half and half, and she liked it so well I changed to all sawdust, and the last time she hatched three of the chicks had wooden legs and a fourth was a woodpecker."

Got Into the Front Row.

That was a novel expedient by which one young woman was enabled to see King Edward during the coronation crush in London. Her story shows the value of diplomacy. "I was right behind, ma'am," she said, relating her experience to her mistress. "Oh, I said, 'I shan't see anything in this crowd.' And then a young man that I hadn't noticed said, 'Why don't you faint?' 'Faint?' I said, 'Who's going to faint?' And then he up and calls, 'Here's a young woman fainting!' And a policeman come through, and they carried me right to the front. I see splendid. Yes'm, the young man helped the policeman."

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5. " ".....8:20 p.m. " ".....7:30 p.m.

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8:50 F	Summit	4:24 F
9:15 S	Diana	3:59 S
9:25 F	Big Run	3:49 F
9:35 F	Salisbury	3:39 F
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